

REMARKS

The Office Action (bottom of page 10) indicates claim 12 has allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 12 is canceled and its limitation is added to base claim 1. Claim 1 is therefore now patentable over the prior art.

To overcome the lack-of-enablement rejection of claim 1, "oxidation" in claim 1 is changed to "electrochemical oxidation" as suggested by the examiner. Claim 1 is therefore now allowable.

Additionally, all withdrawn claims (claims 4, 14-23, 26-31 and 33-48) are canceled by this Amendment. The remaining claims (pending claims 2, 7-11, 13 and 49-52 and new claims 53-66) all depend from base claim 1 which is patentable over the prior art as described above. The limitations that the dependent claims add to claim 1 distinguish them further from the prior art, thus rendering the dependent claims also patentable.

The application is therefore now be in condition for allowance, and allowance is requested.

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